1	2	3	4
14.	Netherlands	21	0
15.	New Zealand	2	0
16.	Spain	8	1
17.	Sweden	7	0
18.	Switzerland	28	0
19.	U.K.	82	2
20.	U.S.A.	256	1
	GRAND TOTAL:	635	9

SEZ proposals

2313. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up SEZs received from the State Governments and approved by Government during last year;

(b) how many acres of land has been acquired by State Governments for setting up of these SEZs and how many acres is barren and fertile and the number of farmers displaced as a result of acquisition of their land; and

(c) whether Government have formulated any revised National Rehabilitation Policy to minimize displacement and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The Board of Approval only considers those proposals duly recommended by the concerned State Government. During the last one year *i.e.* from August, 2006 to August, 2007. formal approvals have been granted for setting up 287 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) while in-principle approvals were granted in 134 cases.

(b) Land being a State subject, acquisition of land comes under the purview of the State Governments. Each State acquires land for various purposes which are governed by the Land Acquisition Act of 1894 as amended from time to time. The decision to earmark land of various types for different purposes is taken by the respective State Governments in accordance with the policies laid down by them. However, the State Governments have been advised that in case of land required for SEZs, first priority should be for waste and barren land and if necessary, single crop land could be considered. If perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired to meet the minimum area requirements, especially for multi-product SEZs, the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZs. Further, in pursuance of the decisions of the Empowered Group of

Ministers (EGOM) on SEZs at its meeting held on 5th April, 2007, the State Governments have been informed on 15th June, 2007 that the Board of Approval will not approve any SEZs where the State Governments have carried out or propose to carry out compulsory acquisition of land for such SEZs after 5th April, 2007.

(c) A Group of Ministers under the Chairmanship of Minister of Agriculture has been constituted to consider revised Resettlement and Rehabilitation Policy and the amendments to the Land Acquisition Act.

Tea consumption in the country

†2314. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of tea consumption in the country;

(b) the names of tea products, the number of tea brands and the standard of quality of tea produced in India; and

(c) the total quantity of imported tea in the country alongwith the details of exported tea in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The estimated consumption of tea in the country during the last three years is given below:—

Year	Domestic consumption (Million Kgs.)
2004	735
2005	757
2006	771

(b) Tea manufactured from green tea leaves is generally classified as Black Tea and Green Tea. Further because of different types of usage of rolling machines in processing, the tea manufactured is of two varieties *viz.* Orthodox tea and CTC tea. There is another variety of tea called Instant tea which is derived from the extract of tea, tea waste and tea leaf.

Tea produced is marketed either by the producer or by the merchant dealer using different brands. The number of brands used by the producers/traders are enumerable and all such brands are not registered under the Trade and Merchandise Act, hence the details of number of such brands is not available.

The standard of quality and specifications of tea have been indicated in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.